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A SUCCESSION OF HEAVY ATTACKS.

LONDON, April 11, 11.10 p.m.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—
The enemy pressed his attacks strongly all day, along the whole northern battle-front. Fresh Divisions continually and heavily assaulted in the region of the Lys river between Loos and Lestrem. Our Fifty-First Division beat off incessant attacks, inflicting great losses and re-captured positions by vigorous counter-attacks.

There was heavy fighting at Estaires and between Estaires and Steenwerck. In this sector the enemy attacked in strength and pushed back our line to just north of these places.

The enemy determinedly attacked this morning northward of Armentieres and made some progress in the neighbourhood of Ploegsteert Wood. Our Ninth Division completely repulsed with great loss another heavy attack in the neighbourhood of Wytschaete and Hollebeke.

Fighting continues along the whole front between La Bassée Canal and the Ypres-Comines Canal.

LONDON, April 11, 2.10 p.m.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—
The battle is continuing along the whole front from La Bassée Canal to the Ypres-Comines Canal.

Severe fighting occurred in the neighbourhood of the Lys and Lys Canals from about Lestrem to Armentieres.

We have withdrawn from Armentieres which is full of gas.

The situation is little changed to the northward of Armentieres.

Heavy fighting was continuing up to a late hour last night in the neighbourhoods of Ploegsteert, Messines and Wytschaete.

AVIATION ACTIVITY.

Reporting on aviation, Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig states:—
Despite unfavourable weather yesterday our airmen bombed and machine-gunned enemy troops. The mist compelled the pilots to fly to an average height of 200 feet, experiencing very heavy gun fire. Enemy airmen were also active.

We brought down seven and drove down one. Seven of ours are missing.

We raided Luxembourg station at midday to-day and dropped over a ton of bombs. Several bursts were observed. All our machines returned, despite considerable gun fire.

GERMAN REPORT.

LONDON, April 11, 11.30 p.m.

A wireless German official report states:—
Between Armentieres and Festubert we stormed Bois Grenier, Neuve Chapelle and crossed the Lys at Eau St. Maurice and captured Hollebeke yesterday.

We stormed Messines height, and pushed forward as far as Ploegsteert Wood and reached the Ploegsteert-Armentieres road.

We have reached the Lys and the region north-east of Bethune.

The prisoners now number over 10,000, and include a Portuguese General.

THE LONG-RANGE BOMBARDMENT.

PARIS, April 12.
The long-range bombardment yesterday hit a cryptic killing four people and wounding 21.

FRENCH OFFICIAL REPORTS.

LONDON, April 12, 12.35 a.m.

A French communique states:—
There has been a violent artillery duel at certain points north of Montdidier and in the region of Lassigny. We repulsed yesterday evening and this morning two somewhat heavy attacks on the sector of Noyon. There has been an intermittent cannonade on both banks of the Meuse.

During March, 28 enemy aeroplanes were brought down by our anti-aircraft defences.

PRESS CORRESPONDENTS' REPORTS.

LONDON, April 11, 9.35 p.m.

Reuter's Correspondent at Headquarters reports this evening:—
The situation in Flanders is generally regarded to-day as fairly well in hand, but fighting continues on a heavy scale and is likely to continue.

What success the Germans have achieved developed out of their advance in the centre of the original front. The attack was helped by misty weather. The territory which the enemy has overrun was very sparsely populated by civilians, and as regards the character of the country, it is a barren gain. Moreover the enemy communications are lengthened across long tracts of clay.

The weather improved this morning and airmen are effectively co-operating in large numbers.

At ten o'clock this morning the enemy formidably attacked against Hollebeke. Fighting with great intensity followed. Massed waves of the enemy advanced over heavy ground flanking Roozbeek, making a great target for riflemen and machine-guns whose execution is described as terrible. Comparatively few of the enemy got to grips with the defenders. Eventually the attack was completely repulsed, the struggling retreat being followed by field-guns until the enemy disappeared in the mist.

Around Ploegsteert Wood and Estaires there has been continuous fighting. The results at present are not known. The enemy brought up more reserves. We also have thrown in reinforcements.

North-west of Armentieres in the direction of Ploegsteert large bodies of German infantry are reported by airmen to be massing. Our artillery is heavily concentrated on them.

The evacuation of Armentieres was carried out very successfully, the enemy not attempting to press our retirement. The whole place is a vast cesspit of mustard gas. The soldiers welcome release from it.

ON THE FRENCH FRONT.

LONDON, April 11, 10.5 p.m.

Reuter's Correspondent at the French Headquarters, writing on the 10th inst., states:—
Relative quiet is prevailing from Hangard to Noyon. The French carried out a small infantry attack at Griveaux Chateau locally improving their position in this part. Guns were active on both sides all along the front. Along the whole front the Germans have done little trench digging. Enemy airmen are more active, but showing little inclination to take the offensive. They are chiefly patrolling their own side of the front in powerful groups of a dozen or more machines with the object of preventing our flights.

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General Post Office, London, June, 1918.

(For examples of Investment in War Savings Certificates, see the other side.)

Examples of Investment in War Savings Certificates

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£25	25 0 0	25 0 0	25 0 0	25 0 0	25 0 0
£50	50 0 0	50 0 0	50 0 0	50 0 0	50 0 0
£100	100 0 0	100 0 0	100 0 0	100 0 0	100 0 0
£200	200 0 0	200 0 0	200 0 0	200 0 0	200 0 0
£300	300 0 0	300 0 0	300 0 0	300 0 0	300 0 0
£400	400 0 0	400 0 0	400 0 0	400 0 0	400 0 0
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THE TRAGEDY AT THE RACE COURSE.

JURY'S FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

CRITICISM OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

The Coroner's Jury—Mr. A. H. Baylow (foreman), Mr. W. C. Jack and Mr. J. H. Wallace—deliberated for an hour and a half last evening upon their findings and recommendations. On re-turning into Court at 6 o'clock the Foreman replied to the questions put to the Jury by the Coroner as follows:—

Was the collapse of the matchbox caused by fire?—No.

Was it caused by deliberate cutting of lashings?—No.

If the answers to these questions are in the negative, then was it caused by a failure of the structure to meet demands made upon it by legitimate use?—Yes.

If so was the failure due to the use of unserviceable material by the matchbox contractor, Kwok Kuo?—No.

If the material was serviceable then was the failure due to some imperfection in the design of the shed having regard to the purpose for which they were intended?—It might have been due to some imperfection in design; it also might have been due to some unexpected fault or latent defect in the material used.

Can you indicate any feature in the design which was obviously fatal to the safety of the sheds?—No.

Can you point out any feature or group of features in the design which was apparently a point of weakness?—The absence of struts at the rear of sheds 9 to 15 inclusive. The lack of any general system of cross-bracing in the front and rear walls of the sheds.

Can you point out any features which aggravated the tendency to collapse once the collapse had begun?—The want of continuity in the levels of the roofs and floors also the position of the great majority of the staircases.

Do you consider that the omission to insert the main upright poles in the ground was an error in construction?—No.

Was the strain under which the structure failed due to the presence either throughout the sheds or in any part of them of a large crowd of people?—Yes.

Was the normal strain increased by panic before the failure?—There is no direct evidence that it was.

Was the strain such that it could have been reasonably foreseen and provided for at the time when the sheds were constructed?—There is no evidence that the sheds were subjected to undue strain.

In the erection of the sheds did the matchbox contractor exercise reasonable care and skill?—Yes.

In instructing the contractor to erect these sheds and in inviting the public to enter these sheds without limit of number did each licensee exercise such care as a prudent man would ordinarily use in his official duty?—Yes.

In inspecting these sheds did the Building Inspector use due diligence and exercise the degree of skill which he possessed?—Yes.

At what point in the row of sheds did the failure first become apparent?—At some point between sheds 8 to 15 inclusive, but we are unable to denote the exact point.

At what point did the outbreak of fire originate?—At some point between sheds 8 to 10 inclusive.

And from what cause?—The inflammable matting coming in contact with the burning charcoal from some cooking chatty.

In what sheds or portions of sheds were the cooking arrangements in use?—In the basement of Nos. 6 and 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

With reference to the basement of No. 12, occupants state that no cooking was going on at the time of the collapse.

With reference to the basement of No. 13, there were cooking arrangements according to the contractor, but this is denied by one of the licensees.

In what sheds were fire precautions adopted?—Nos. 4, 5, 6 and 8. Was cooking with charcoal in Chinese chatters in these sheds an imprudent act?—Yes.

If so was it so imprudent as to be grossly negligent?—No. Did any act or any omission of duty on the part of any public officer constitute approximate and efficient cause of the death under consideration?—No.

What is your verdict?—Death due to suffocation, the result either of the collapse of the fire or both. We do not attribute criminal negligence to anyone in connection with this death.

With regard to Mr. Lo's supplementary questions, was it practicable, having regard to the purpose for which they were intended, to have had the sheds erected separately?—Yes.

If so would this form of construction offer greater security to the public with regard to fire or collapse?—Yes.

The foreman also said:—We desire to put on record the fact that the Hongkong Jockey Club had neither responsibility nor interest in the sheds—except as lessees of Nos. 1 to 3—and that the Royal Hongkong Golf Club was in no way concerned with the regulations nor in the conditions governing the construction or use of the sheds.

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

With regard to the two Government Departments whose actions have so largely come within the scope of this enquiry we wish to place on record the conclusions we have come to respecting same.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

We regret that the Director of Public Works has not in previous years laid down definite standards of construction for these race stand matchboxes. Admitting that the lack of reliable data as to the strength of the material customarily used in matchbox construction makes the efficient checking of plans difficult, this is hardly a valid reason for dispensing with criticism of contractors' drawings, neither is the fact that no such check on the methods of construction as has been exercised in former years sufficient to exonerate the Director of Public Works from the charge of failing to carry out his duties. We are of the opinion that the race stand matchboxes during construction and on completion should have been inspected by a qualified engineer. Not having the history of the development of the Water System of the Colony before us, we suspend judgment on the question whether the administration of the Water Authority has been negligent in not making provision for a better supply of water in the neighbourhood of the Happy Valley. It must be borne in mind, however, that his attention was drawn some years ago by the Police Department to the fact that the supply was insufficient for fire purposes. We are of the opinion that the present water supply is inadequate.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

We consider that the Captain Superintendent of Police erred in not taking on his own initiative, obvious necessary precautions for the safety of the public, and the fact that he was not officially notified by the Public Works Department with regard to these sheds does not exonerate him.

While it is an open question whether the great loss of life could have been prevented, or even curtailed, had an ample water supply, the necessary fire appliances, and the assistance of experienced firemen been immediately available, still that does not excuse the failure of the Captain Superintendent of Police to foresee and provide against such a contingency as an outbreak of fire in the matchbox race stands.

We would add, in conclusion, that there appears to have been a regrettable lack of consultation and co-operation between the Police and Public Works Department with regard to arrangements which immediately concern both Departments.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

That in view of the danger from fire the practice of permitting the use of temporary race stands constructed of such inflammable materials as matting and bamboo be discontinued.

The accommodation required in addition to that provided within the Hongkong Jockey Club enclosure, should take the form of suitable permanent buildings in which all inflammable material is eliminated as far as possible.

If, owing to local conditions, it is not found possible to act on the recommendations contained in the two preceding paragraphs and a continuance of the employment of matchboxes as race stands is found to be absolutely necessary, then special precautions should be taken to ensure the safety of the public using the sheds.

The framing of the necessary regulations to render a repetition of the recent awful disaster impossible must rest with the Government, but we would like to draw special attention to the following obvious safeguards:—

Necessity of leaving sufficient intervals between each shed to prevent, or at any rate retard, the spread of fire.

Confining the structures to one floor only and limiting the height from the ground at which that floor may be built.

Prevention of over crowding.

Provision of sufficient exits.

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TELEGRAMS.

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THE MEANING OF THE NEW OFFENSIVE.

THE CONSENSUS OF OPINION.

LONDON, April 12. The nation is watching with anxiety, unprecedented since the beginning of the war, the progress of the critical battle in northern France; anxiety, mingled with admiration, for the tenacity of the British troops who are contesting every foot of ground with a stubbornness that has made the enemy pay dearly for his slow advance. As the struggle swings on a 30-mile front, observers here and in Paris are divided in opinion as to the enemy's intentions, one section regarding the new offensive as a diversion meant to draw off the British reserves while preparing a fresh attack on Amiens, the other section believing it is a definite and systematic attempt to destroy the British Army and to break through to Calais while holding the French opinion now favours the latter theory.

GENERALISSIMO FOCH.

MR. BONAR LAW EXPLAINS.

LONDON, April 12. In the House of Commons, Mr. Bonar Law, replying to a question as to the position of Generalissimo Foch, said the Versailles Council, so far as the working out of plans and details were concerned, was still going on. Generalissimo Foch, who was Chairman of the Council, had been necessarily taken for other work. He had been appointed, with the full approval, not merely of the Governments but of the Generals concerned, to direct the strategy of both Armies, exercising the powers of Generalissimo and directing the strategy of the present battle. Mr. Bonar Law said he did not think there was a man inside or outside the House who was not thankful for this.

GERMANY'S INHUMAN TREATMENT OF WAR PRISONERS.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF ENQUIRY.

LONDON, April 12. The report of the Committee, presided over by Mr. Justice Younger, on Enemy Treatment of British War Prisoners on the Western Front, constitutes another tragic record of German brutality and calculated deception. It shows that war prisoners are systematically compelled to engage in work forbidden by the laws of war, close behind the firing line, thereby being deliberately exposed to enemy and Allied gun fire. These inhuman conditions have been continued after the Anglo-German agreement of last year, whereby it was agreed that no war prisoners should be employed in any work within 30 kilometres of the firing line.

An instance is quoted where one Allied shell killed seven and wounded four war prisoners in Belgium.

THE PROGRESS IN MUNITIONS PRODUCTION.

LOSSES MADE GOOD.

LONDON, April 12. Mr. Kellaway, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Munitions, outlined, at Bedford, the progress in production of munitions. The increase in the first two months of 1918 as compared with last year was as follows: Light guns, 30 per cent.; medium, 57 per cent.; heavy, 38 per cent.; machine-guns, 40 per cent.; shells, 83 per cent.; Tanks, 89 per cent.; aeroplanes, 223 per cent.; and aero-engines 245 per cent. The average weekly production of aeroplanes during 1918 has equalled the average production for two months during 1915, while in machine-guns one week's production has equalled five months in 1916. Simultaneously, men are steadily being released for the Army.

Over 100,000 men were released during 1917 and the Army is as well equipped to-day as when the German offensive began. All guns lost have been replaced and we are actually stronger in machine-guns than at the beginning of the battle. Aerially we are as strong as ever. Losses in tanks are being replaced by a superior model and ammunition has been more than made good.

AUSTRIAN EMPEROR AND ALSACE-LORRAINE.

SENSATIONAL CONTROVERSY.

LONDON, April 12.

The controversy between M. Clemenceau and the Austrian Emperor is developing. A very important official statement issued at Vienna states that the Emperor Karl sent to the Kaiser yesterday a telegram in which he says *inter alia*: "I disavow indignantly Clemenceau's false and untrue statement that I recognised that France had a just claim to the re-conquest of Alsace-Lorraine. At a moment when Austro-Hungarian guns were thundering jointly with German cannon on the Western Front, it hardly needs proof that I am fighting for these provinces, exactly as if it were a question of defending my own lands. In face of this eloquent proof of our full community of aims, I deem it superfluous to waste words on Clemenceau's false assertion. Nevertheless, I desire to take this opportunity of again assuring you of the complete solidarity existing between you and me, and your Empire and mine. No intrigues and no attempts from whatsoever they proceed will impair our loyal comradeship in arms and we shall jointly enforce an honourable peace."

PARIS, April 12.

An official Note was issued last evening in reply to the foregoing. It says the Emperor Karl compels the French Government to give proof of the Note and it accordingly reproduces the text of long letter communicated on March 31st, 1917, by Prince Sixte Boudon, brother-in-law of the Emperor Karl, to the hands of President Poincaré, who, with the Prince's assent, forwarded it immediately to the French Premier. The following are the chief passages:—

"My Dear Sixte.—As the end of the third year of a war which has brought so much mourning to the world approaches, none can dispute the military advantages won by my troops, especially in the Balkans. France on her side has shown magnificent power of resistance and clan. We unreservedly admire the bravery of her army and the spirit of sacrifice of the whole French people."

It is particularly agreeable to me that though momentarily we are opponents, no real divergence of aims and aspirations separates my Empire from France. I am justified in hoping that my lively sympathies with France joined to those prevalent in the monarchy will forever prevent a return to a state of war for which no responsibility can be assigned to this end, and to show the reality of these sentiments I beg you to convey secretly and unofficially to President Poincaré that I shall support by every means, using all my personal influence with my Allies, France's just claims regarding Alsace-Lorraine. Further, Belgium should be entirely re-established in her sovereignty, keeping the whole of her African possessions, without prejudice to compensation for her loss. Serbia shall be re-established in her sovereignty. We are ready to assure her equitable natural access to the Adriatic, besides extensive economic concessions, but Austria-Hungary will demand assurances, guaranteed by the Entente Powers that Serbia shall suppress any political society tending to the disintegration of Austria-Hungary.

Events in Russia compel me to reserve my ideas concerning them until a legal and definitive Government is established there. I ask you to ascertain opinion firstly of France and England with a view to preparing the ground of the Entente for the opening of official negotiations. Hoping we shall thus be able on both sides soon to terminate the sufferings of so many millions, I beg you to believe my very lively fraternal affection.—Karl."

BOWEL COMPLAINT IN CHILDREN.

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THE AGE LIMIT.

ONLY 7 PER CENT. OF MEN AFFECTED REQUIRED THIS YEAR.

LONDON, April 12.

In the House of Commons, Sir Auckland Geddes intimated that only seven per cent. of the men affected by the raising of the age-limit would be required this year. The remaining 93 per cent. would remain in civil life. If three or four years were cut off the limit the same number of men would be taken from a smaller block and they would be less fit physically, on an average.

Sir A. Geddes mentioned that engineers were streaming to the Colours.

Sir Charles Seeley stated that young miners in the Nottingham area would not be selected for service by ballot as they were recruiting voluntarily.

THE PROGRESS OF THE BILL.

The guillotine resolution regarding the Man-Power Bill has been adopted. The Bill will leave the Commons on Tuesday and will pass through all its stages in the House of Lords by Thursday.

AN AMENDMENT DEFEATED.

LONDON, April 12, 1.15 a.m.

In Committee of the House of Commons on the Man-Power Bill an amendment substituting 48 for 51 as the age-limit was defeated by 292 to 192.

IRELAND AND CONSCRIPTION.

A NEW FORM OF PROTEST.

LONDON, April 12. The Nationalist, Mr. Dooley, at the request of his supporters, has decided, as a protest to conscription, not to contest North King's County against the Sinn Féin candidate.

Polling is fixed for April 25. Mr. Dillon wired advising the abandonment of the contest.

A SUGGESTED BARGAIN.

LONDON, April 12. The Dublin Unionist newspaper, the Irish Times, invites Mr. Dillon to make a bargain with the Government and suggests that in the six weeks before conscription comes into working order, the Nationalists undertake to raise seven Divisions voluntarily.

THE NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.

ITS STRENGTH TO BE MAINTAINED.

ST. JOHN'S (Newfoundland), April 12.

The Legislature meets on April 23 to consider measures to maintain the strength of the Newfoundland regiment.

An Order-in-Council has been issued, forbidding the departure from the Colony of all eligible, unmarried men.

AMERICAN COASTAL SHIPPING.

TAKEN OVER FOR WAR PURPOSES.

WASHINGTON, April 12. President Wilson has issued a Proclamation directing the taking over of all coastwise shipping lines, from April 13 at noon, by the Railroads Administration, for operation during the period of the war.

The Proclamation says the shipping will be devoted mainly to transportations of troops and war materials.

THE LANDING AT VLADIVOSTOK.

OF PURELY LOCAL SIGNIFICANCE.

LONDON, April 11. In the House of Commons, Lord Robert Cecil stated that owing to the murders of Japanese subjects in Vladivostok by bands of robbers, the British and Japanese warships at Vladivostok had landed parties to protect the British Consulate and Japanese subjects. The Government had no reason to think the American Government disapproved of the action, which is purely of local significance.

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THE RUSSIAN BALTIC FLEET.

200 VESSELS LEAVE HELSINGFORS.

PETROGRAD, April 12.

The First Squadron of the Russian Baltic Fleet, composed of battleships and cruisers, has arrived at Kronstadt from Helsingfors. The Second Squadron, comprising torpedo-boats and submarines, is reported to be off Kronstadt. The Third Squadron, comprising transports, armed merchantships and obsolete torpedo-boats, left Helsingfors yesterday evening.

The total number of vessels departed is 200.

SEQUEL TO THE LICHNOWSKY MEMORANDUM.

GERMAN GENERAL STAFF OFFICER ARRESTED.

AMSTERDAM, April 12.

The arrest of Captain Beersfeldt of the German General Staff, for incitement to high treason, in connection with the Lichnowsky Memorandum, is announced in Germany, though the inspired Press asserts the prosecution is only indirectly connected with the Lichnowsky affair.

The *Variante* says: These inspired statements are calculated to astonish the world by creating the impression that a traitor has been a member of the General Staff. The paper says that Captain Beersfeldt is a member of the Brandenburg Junker aristocracy and received the First Class Iron Cross early in the war. He was invalided and appointed to the General Staff. Here he learned the political side of the war, discovering secrets which "made the Junker officer feel as if he had fallen from Heaven." Captain Beersfeldt confidentially wrote to General von Hindenburg, saying: "Germany's fate after the war depends upon whether we really represent a true cause. It is with truth alone we can withstand our internal and external enemies." Captain Beersfeldt afterwards devoted himself to the cause of the workers. He was previously arrested for political activity but was acquitted.

The *Rheinisch-Westfälische Zeitung* says that Captain Beersfeldt's arrest followed the discovery of his intimate relations with the Independent Socialists and the Berlin strikes in January last.

ACTION AGAINST GERMAN POLITICIANS DISCUSSED.

AMSTERDAM, April 11.

A message from Berlin states that a secret sitting of the Prussian Upper House discussed the expulsion of all Members concerned in the Lichnowsky affair.

COUNT CZERNIN RETURNS TO VIENNA.

AMSTERDAM, April 12.

Count Czernin has hurriedly returned to Vienna from Bucharest. A CZECH DEMONSTRATION AGAINST COUNT CZERNIN.

AMSTERDAM, April 11.

A message from Vienna states that a monster Czech demonstration against Count Czernin is being organised at Prague.

THE SIAMESE MISSION IN FRANCE.

PARIS, April 18.

The Siamese Minister presented the members of the Siamese Mission to President Poincaré who congratulated them upon their work.

SUBMARINE PIRACY.

WHY THE SINKINGS ARE REDUCED.

LONDON, April 11.

The reduction in sinkings is associated with the German offensive. It is recalled that Field Marshal Hindenburg tacitly admitted the failure of submarine warfare when he assured the Socialist delegation at Berlin a few weeks ago that in the offensive in the West it was certain that success would cost 400,000 German lives but peace would come this August. This is a striking contrast to Hindenburg's Army Order of February, 1917, when he said the submarine offered the best means of a speedy ending to the war.

It is pointed out in London that 200,000 British troops crowded the channel in ten days since the resumption of the offensive.

It is believed that Germany's submarine efforts are decreasing owing to the concentration of labour and material on the land offensive, while the work of the British Navy is having the effect of destroying submarines at twice the rate of a year ago.

THE SILVER MARKET.

LONDON, April 12.

The *Quotable* announces that military medals have been conferred upon brave Lathi Singh and Ghildan Singh, both of the Hongkong and Singapore Garrison Artillery.

THE PACIFIC MAIL S.S. CO.'S BANQUET.

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when he said: "We want no Government interference with our business when the Defence of the Realm Act is no longer necessary." He fully endorsed that opinion. He thought that the national action of shipping would be a mistake and hence disaster to the shipping interests of any country which adopted it. A successful business depended upon individual enterprise, readiness of decision and the accepting of responsibility for full authority by the principals who made decisions. Those were qualities which were not usually cultivated by the methods of Government departmental working—(Hear, Hear). He thought that anyone who had experience in negotiating for the building of a standard ship or negotiating for the charter of a ship would fully endorse those views. He thought that any country which took shipping, or any business or industry out of the control of individual enterprise, would take a retrograde step and the interests of the community. Mr. Ritter had given them some ideas of what should be done after the war. World universal free trade not go a great way towards the realisation of the ideals he suggested. There had been, and he supposed there always would be, discussion and differences of opinion as to whether Great Britain should remain a free trade country, but he did not think that there could be any discussion as to whether the world should generally practice free trade. (Hear, Hear). He thought that that would be going a great way towards effecting the objects which all would like to see come about. He could not sit down without paying a tribute to the Captains, Officers and men who manned Allied ships. They had to remember that they were all volunteers and conscription had never been applied to them. They heard of crews rescued from torpedoed ships immediately applying for a new ship. There was a fine spirit amongst the men of the mercantile marine of all our countries. He went on to speak of how he had twice passed through the so-called submarine blockade and related how when he was recently leaving England, the boat he was on sighted a submarine just outside the bar of the Mersey. The submarine was fired on and all passengers were ordered to don life belts and go into the Saloon. As he walked down the companion way he saw an old stewardess helping one of the children to don a life belt and overcoat whilst she herself had no life belt, nor even an overcoat. That was the spirit of the people who went to sea. They owed them a deep debt of gratitude and if anyone had served their country, they had. They might well be proud of their seamen. (Applause.)

Mr. E. Major-General Verrats, then said, on behalf of the British guests, he wished to propose the health of the Chairman. He did not propose to make a speech, because after all the interesting speeches they had just heard, he thought that what they now wanted was mercy. (Laughter). He cordially agreed with all the sentiments expressed. He proposed the health of the Chairman and thanked him on behalf of the guests for the hospitable banquet and for admitting them behind the scenes of the Shipping world—(Laughter).

The toast was drunk with much enthusiasm. The Chairman, responding, said he wished to express his deepest thanks for the honour they had done him. He did not think the evening would be completed unless they drank to the men who are taking all the risks—the men who are fighting in France to-day. (Hear, Hear).

The toast was heartily responded to, the Ho! Band playing the "Stars and Stripes" and "God save the King." The proceedings then terminated.

The death in France of two brothers, Walter Maggs and Thomas Maggs, 26, brings to light a series of remarkable coincidences, says the *South London Press*. The men—

Work for the same firm. Married two sisters on Christmas Day 1915. Started homes in adjoining flats in Brixton. Joined the London Regiment, and went out to the front together. After 21 months fighting side-by-side came home on leave together in December last. Returned to the front on December 23, and on January 19 were both killed by the same shell.

SUBMARINE PIRACY.

ITALIAN SHIPPING RETURNS.

LONDON, April 12.

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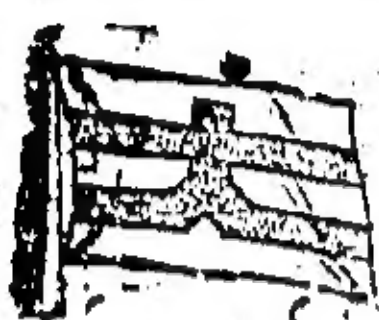
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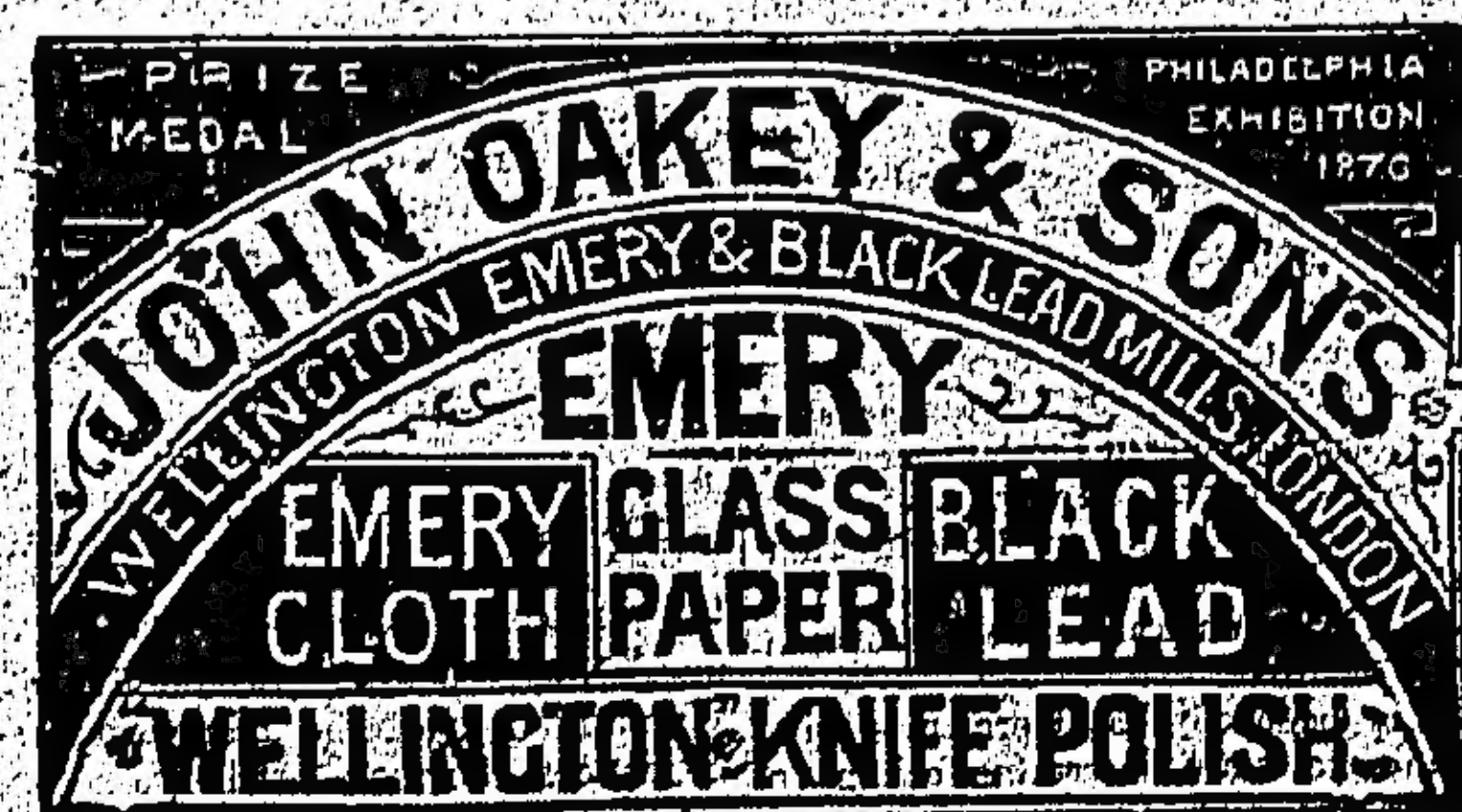
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No. 104 Private P. H. Weston was enrolled on 2.4.18 and posted to Machine Gun Company.

No. 105 Private W. A. Webb was enrolled on 10.4.18 and posted to "B" Company.

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No. 898 Pte. W. E. Clarke, "D" Co., is permitted to resign, dated 10.4.18.

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"B" Company.

Tuesday, 16th April.—5.30 p.m.—Nos. 5, 6, 7 and 8 Platoons on Polo Ground. Hongkong residents will parade at the Cricket Club at 5.10 p.m. and proceed by train to Causeway Bay. Company drill.

"C" Company.

Tuesday, 16th April.—5.30 p.m.—Nos. 9, 10, 11 and 12 Platoons on Polo Ground. Hongkong residents will parade at the Cricket Club at 5.10 p.m. and proceed by train to Causeway Bay. Company drill.

"D" Company.

Tuesday, 16th April.—5.30 p.m.—Nos. 13, 14, 15 and 16 Platoons on Polo Ground. Hongkong residents will parade at the Cricket Club at 5.10 p.m. and proceed by train to Causeway Bay. Company drill.

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"G" Company.

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"H" Company.

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"I" Company.

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"N" Company.

Tuesday, 16th April.—5.30 p.m.—Nos. 53, 54, 55 and 56 Platoons on Polo Ground. Hongkong residents will parade at the Cricket Club at 5.10 p.m. and proceed by train to Causeway Bay. Company drill.

"O" Company.

Tuesday, 16th April.—5.30 p.m.—Nos. 57, 58, 59 and 60 Platoons on Polo Ground. Hongkong residents will parade at the Cricket Club at 5.10 p.m. and proceed by train to Causeway Bay. Company drill.

"P" Company.

Tuesday, 16th April.—5.30 p.m.—Nos. 61, 62, 63 and 64 Platoons on Polo Ground. Hongkong residents will parade at the Cricket Club at 5.10 p.m. and proceed by train to Causeway Bay. Company drill.

"Q" Company.

Tuesday, 16th April.—5.30 p.m.—Nos. 65, 66, 67 and 68 Platoons on Polo Ground. Hongkong residents will parade at the Cricket Club at 5.10 p.m. and proceed by train to Causeway Bay. Company drill.

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"T" Company.

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"U" Company.

Tuesday, 16th April.—5.30 p.m.—Nos. 81, 82, 83 and 84 Platoons on Polo Ground. Hongkong residents will parade at the Cricket Club at 5.10 p.m. and proceed by train to Causeway Bay. Company drill.

"V" Company.

Tuesday, 16th April.—5.30 p.m.—Nos. 85, 86, 87 and 88 Platoons on Polo Ground. Hongkong residents will parade at the Cricket Club at 5.10 p.m. and proceed by train to Causeway Bay. Company drill.

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Tuesday, 16th April.—5.30 p.m.—Nos. 89, 90, 91 and 92 Platoons on Polo Ground. Hongkong residents will parade at the Cricket Club at 5.10 p.m. and proceed by train to Causeway Bay. Company drill.

"X" Company.

Tuesday, 16th April.—5.30 p.m.—Nos. 93, 94, 95 and 96 Platoons on Polo Ground. Hongkong residents will parade at the Cricket Club at 5.10 p.m. and proceed by train to Causeway Bay. Company drill.

"Y" Company.

Tuesday, 16th April.—5.30 p.m.—Nos. 97, 98, 99 and 100 Platoons on Polo Ground. Hongkong residents will parade at the Cricket Club at 5.10 p.m. and proceed by train to Causeway Bay. Company drill.

"Z" Company.

Tuesday, 16th April.—5.30 p.m.—Nos. 101, 102, 103 and 104 Platoons on Polo Ground. Hongkong residents will parade at the Cricket Club at 5.10 p.m. and proceed by train to Causeway Bay. Company drill.

"AA" Company.

Tuesday, 16th April.—5.30 p.m.—Nos. 105, 106, 107 and 108 Platoons on Polo Ground. Hongkong residents will parade at the Cricket Club at 5.10 p.m. and proceed by train to Causeway Bay. Company drill.

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Tuesday, 16th April.—5.30 p.m.—Nos. 109, 110, 111 and 112 Platoons on Polo Ground. Hongkong residents will parade at the Cricket Club at 5.10 p.m. and proceed by train to Causeway Bay. Company drill.

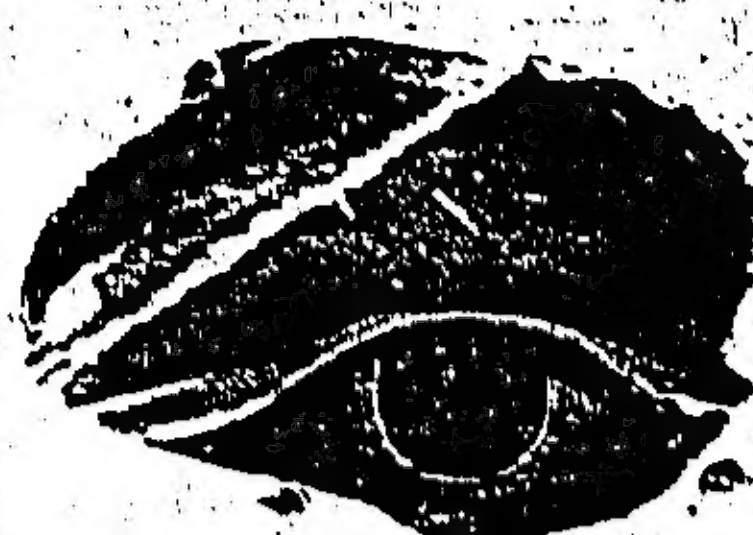
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DISCIPLINE BOARD.

Reference Orders February 19th and 20th. A Discipline Board will sit only when summoned, and not regularly on Mondays.

BOOTS.

Members of the Mounted Police, No. 2 Platoon, No. 3 Company, Ambulance Platoon and Buglers and Drummers who have applied for boots for police duty must attend in person at 7, Queen's Road East, Foot King's shop.

EQUIPMENT PARADES.

Attention of all members of Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Companies is drawn to Orders of April 12th and 13th.

By Order.

T. F. Hovon,

A.S.P. (R.) and Adjutant.

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COMPS PARADE.

The Corps Parade announced for Sunday, April 14th is postponed to Sunday, April 28th, at 9.30 a.m.

TUESDAY, April 16th.

8 p.m. Squad and Stretcher Drill.

THURSDAY, April 18th.

8 p.m. Squad and Stretcher Drill.

NO. 3 V.A.D.

MONDAY, April 15th.

1.15 p.m. Recruit Drill.

TUESDAY, April 16th.

1.15 p.m. Banding Class.

WEDNESDAY, April 17th.

2.30 p.m. Band Practice.

THURSDAY, April 18th.

1.15 p.m. Recruit Drill.

FRIDAY, April 19th.

1.15 p.m. Banding Class.

SATURDAY, April 20th.

2.30 p.m. Band Practice.

3.15 p.m. Drill (Trained Members).

No. 4 V.A.D.

"A" and "B" Sections.

MONDAY, April 15th.

4.30 p.m. Banding Practice.

TUESDAY, April 16th.

4.30 p.m. Banding Practice.

WEDNESDAY, April 17th.

4.30 p.m. Banding Practice.

(Ed.) E. R. R. R.

District Supt. in Charge of District.

THE JAPANESE MARINE AT

YANAGIYOSHI.

THE REASON FOR THE LANDING.

An official communiqué issued at Tokyo on the 5th inst. stated—

A Japanese store in Vladivostok was attacked by burglars in broad daylight yesterday and three Japanese were killed or wounded. In view of this fact marines were landed at dawn to day for the protection of Japanese subjects.

The city is now completely under the control of the Japanese. The streets are unsafe.

OFFICIAL NIGHTS IN APRIL.

The following Table shows the Standard Time at which Official Nights end and begins during the month of April, 1918:

Date	Ends	Begin
April 13th	5.54 a.m.	6.54 p.m.
" 14th	" 5.54	" 6.54
" 15th	" 5.52	" 6.54
" 16th	" 5.51	" 6.54
" 17th	" 5.49	" 6.55
" 18th	" 5.48	" 6.56
" 19th	" 5.47	" 6.57
" 20th	" 5.46	" 6.57
" 21st	" 5.45	" 6.57
" 22nd	" 5.44	" 6.57
" 23rd	" 5.43	" 6.57
" 24th	" 5.42	" 6.57
" 25th	" 5.41	" 6.59
" 26th	" 5.41	" 6.59
" 27th	" 5.41	" 6.59
" 28th	" 5.41	" 6.59
" 29th	" 5.41	" 6.59
" 30th	" 5.41	" 6.59

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CHURCH SERVICES.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

2nd SUNDAY AFTER EASTER, 14th APRIL.

Holy Communion (7.30 a.m.).

Matins (11 a.m.).

Responses, Psalms, Venite, Alocok;

Psalm, Robinson; Te Deum, Smart;

Psalm, Smart (21st morning); Benedicite;

Barbary; Hymns, 140, 187.

God Save the King.

Holy Communion (2 noon).

Evangelion (6 p.m.).

Responses, Psalms, Smart;

Purcell, Felton, Woodward; Magnificat;

Smart; Hymns, 129, 234, 141 (T. 23).

God Save the King.

Union Church, Kennedy Road.

Sunday Services, April 14.

Morning Service at 11 a.m. Hymns,

347, 559, 241, 325.

Subject: Doctrine of the Future Life.

6. The "Many Mansions".

Evening Service at 6 p.m. Hymns, 143,

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